### Tensioned Rollable Ultra-light Solar array System (TRUSS), Phase I

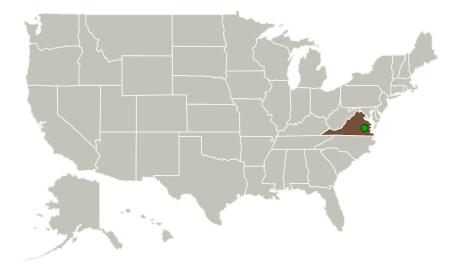


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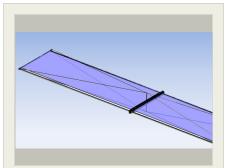
#### **Project Introduction**

TRUSS is a structurally efficient solar array concept that utilizes a TRAC rollable boom and tension-stiffened structure to exceed the program requirements for very large solar arrays. TRAC provides simple strain-energy deployment with a constant cross section and constant strength along its length, improving the reliability and simplicity of array deployment. The tensioning cables allow the structure to achieve mass efficiency much improved over the government reference array (GRA). The roll-out deployment of the TRAC booms also simplifies the ground support structure needed for testing and qualification of full-size arrays, which will be animated to illustrate in-space and ground-based deployments.

#### **Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners**



| Organizations<br>Performing Work | Role         | Туре     | Location |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Analytical Mechanics             | Lead         | Industry | Hampton, |
| Associates, Inc.                 | Organization |          | Virginia |
| Langley Research                 | Supporting   | NASA     | Hampton, |
| Center(LaRC)                     | Organization | Center   | Virginia |



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#### **Primary U.S. Work Locations**

Virginia

#### **Project Transitions**

June 2014: Project Start

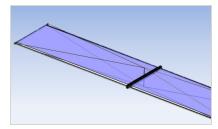


December 2014: Closed out

#### **Closeout Documentation:**

• Final Summary Chart(https://techport.nasa.gov/file/138616)

#### **Images**



#### **Project Image**

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## Organizational Responsibility

## Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

#### **Lead Organization:**

Analytical Mechanics Associates, Inc.

#### **Responsible Program:**

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## **Project Management**

#### **Program Director:**

Jason L Kessler

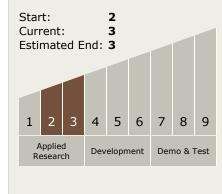
#### **Program Manager:**

Carlos Torrez

#### **Principal Investigator:**

John Abrams

# Technology Maturity (TRL)





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## **Technology Areas**

#### **Primary:**

- TX12 Materials, Structures, Mechanical Systems, and Manufacturing
  - └ TX12.2 Structures
    - └ TX12.2.1 Lightweight Concepts

## **Target Destinations**

The Sun, Earth, The Moon, Mars, Others Inside the Solar System, Outside the Solar System

